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For: METHOD FOR THE  
PRODUCTION OF EXPANDABLE  
PLASTICS GRANULATE

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a' Page 1, after the title add the following sentence -- This application is a continuation of and claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/373,304 filed January 25, 1995.

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a<sup>2</sup> --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

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